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PART THREE

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THE PAST

The Dead Presidents take their attack on Vampi and her friends even further. Showcasing their hatred, the Presidents hang the boys using the strings off their own guitars. An unconscious Miki is laid out in front but, Vampi let her opinion be known in as strong a way as possible – right into Uncle Sam's face.

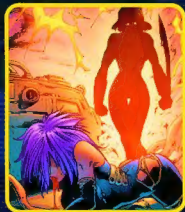
Vampi barely saves Suicide's life and forcibly threatens the Presidents with death.



THE PRESENT

BioCorp's traitor is revealed as Duval shows his loyalty for Archangel and takes both Grayson and Jacob hostage.

Vampi continues her assault on the Meat Boutique to corner Endura. Endura teases her with the cure but Vampi doesn't care. Her only concern is revenge, and a blade through Endura's gut does the trick.



Endura, however, doesn't fall so easily. Quickly regenerating, she turns the tide on Vampi and lays her out cold.



YOU KNOW
ARCHANGEL HAS
BIG PLANS FOR
BIOCOPR,
JACOB.

I ALMOST
WISH YOU COULD
STICK AROUND TO
SEE WHAT'S IN
STORE.

"BUT LITTLE
BEN'S A MITE
PECKISH..."

"VAMPIR'S BLOOD
DID THIS--MADE HIM A
BLOODSUCKING MONSTER.

"BUT AS FAR AS
ANYONE KNOWS,
SHE IS THE ONLY
LIVING VAMPIRE."

DEAR
GOD!

NO!

"SO WHEN HE GETS
THROUGH WITH YOU
SHE TAKES THE FALL.

"THERE ARE NO
OTHER LOGICAL
SUSPECTS, RIGHT?"

"BEAUTIFUL,
ISN'T IT?"

"AND ONLY POSSIBLE
THANKS TO THE MIRACLES
OF MEDICAL SCIENCE."



AND
IT'S FEEDING
TIME.



THIS IS WHAT IT'S ALL BEEN ABOUT -- THE SO-CALLED 'MIRACLE CURE'.

ENDURA ENJOYS EXPLAINING EXACTLY HOW IT WORKS...

ONCE THE SARCOPHAGUS IS ACTIVATED, THE ALPHA COMPLEX SERUM WILL FLOOD YOUR VEINS, DEACTIVATING THE METABOLIC PROCESSES RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR VAMPIRISM.

SOON YOU WILL BE CURED OF YOUR ADDICTION TO BLOOD...

ALONG WITH THE STRENGTH I DERIVE FROM IT--

MY RESISTANCE TO INJURY AND PAIN.

YOU'RE ABOUT TO BECOME VULNERABLE IN WAYS YOU CAN'T EVEN IMAGINE...

--YET.

EXTREME PAIN -- LIKE EXTREME PLEASURE -- FLOODS THE BRAIN WITH ENDORPHINS.



ENDURA FEEDS ON ENDORPHINS.
THEY ARE THE SOURCE OF HER
— LIKE BLOOD IS TO A VAMPIRE.

BEFORE I
OPEN YOUR SKULL,
LET ME TELL YOU
SOMETHING...

THEN SHE EXPLAINS
EXACTLY HOW THEY'RE
GOING TO KILL YOU, JACOB.



SHE WANTS THAT TO
BE THE LAST THING TO
GO THROUGH MY MIND--



— BEFORE
THIS DOES.

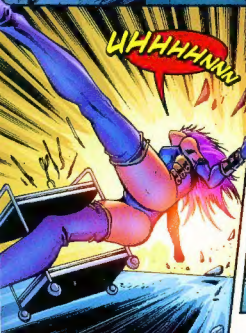


SHE THINKS
THERE'S NOTHING
I CAN DO ABOUT IT.





- SHE'S
WRONG.



UHHHHNNN



YOU DON'T
THINK YOU CAN
WIN, DO YOU?



THE SARCOPHAGUS
IS JUST ONE SERUM
DELIVERY SYSTEM.



ANOTHER
WILL DO JUST
AS WELL.

... AND THIS
SYRINGE ALONE
CONTAINS ENOUGH
TO "CURE" YOU.

I'M STILL WEAR FROM
BLOOD LOSS -- ENDURA IS
CONFIDENT SHE'LL WIN.

MAYBE TOO
CONFIDENT



HURT
ME ALL YOU
LIKE.

YOU
CAN NEVER
BEAT--
NYNYNYNY



SMART--
BUT POINTLESS.

I CAN
FEEL MY ARM
REGENERATING
ALREADY.

THE PAIN
MERELY FUELS THE
PROCESS.



THAT
MAY BE
SO...



IT
TAKES TIME TO
METABOLISE
PAIN.

...BUT THE
PROCESS ISN'T
INSTANTANEOUS,
IS IT?

THAT'S
YOUR
WEAKNESS.

I DON'T
HAVE TO KILL
YOU.



I JUST NEED
YOU HELPLESS LONG
ENOUGH--

TO CURE
YOU!

NOOOOOO

YOUR ADDICTION
TO ENDORPHINS--

THAT'S THE SOURCE
OF YOUR POWER.

SO THE SERUM
SHOULD 'CURE' YOU TOO...

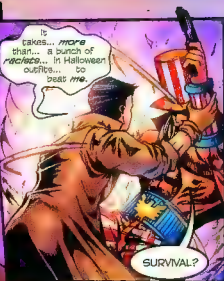
JUST AS IT COULD
STILL CURE ME.

SO WITH JACOB IN
DANGER, IT'S TOO EARLY
TO USE WHAT'S LEFT --



...MAYBE
IT'S ALWAYS BEEN
TOO LATE.







ONLY THE
STRONGEST
SURVIVE!



SUICIDE?!



YOU'RE
WEAK!

YOU
DESERVE TO
DIE LIKE A
DOG!



I KNOW I
WON'T GET OUT
OF HERE ALIVE--
BUT I'M NOT
AFRAID.

I'M STRONG
ENOUGH TO DIE--
AND SEE YOU DIE
TOO-- FOR WHAT I
BELIEVE!

YOU SICK
BASTARD!

YOU THINK
COLD-BLOODED
MURDER MAKES
YOU STRONG?!

YOU'RE
JUST A COWARD
WITH A GUN-- YOU
KILL BECAUSE
YOU'RE
WEAK.

YOU DON'T
DESERVE TO
JUST DIE!

YOU
DESERVE
TO BE

EXTERMINATED!





Vampi...
is that...
you?
it's...
getting...
dark.



IT'S JUST
TIME FOR YOU
TO SLEEP IS
ALL.



SO YOU
CLOSE YOUR
EYES.
I WON'T
LET ANYTHING
HURT YOU
NOW.

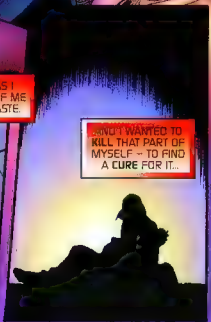
NOTHING
WILL EVER HURT
YOU AGAIN.

TO KILL OUT OF
LOVE - TO END HIS
PAIN - THAT'S
WHAT REALLY HURT.

HE TASTED HIS BLOOD
BEFORE, BUT THIS
WAS THE FIRST TIME
I TASTED DEATH.

AND, AS MUCH AS I
LOVED HIM, PART OF ME
RELISHED THAT TASTE.

AND I WANTED TO
KILL THAT PART OF
MYSELF - TO FIND
A CURE FOR IT...





WHILE THERE WAS STILL TIME.

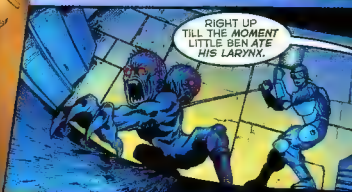
ADMIT IT, YOU PREFER HIM LIKE THIS.



LET'S FACE IT-- GRAYSON ALWAYS WAS A POMPOUS BORE.



BUT WEREN'T HIS SCREAMS A GENUINE JOY, JACOB...?



RIGHT UP TILL THE MOMENT LITTLE BEN ATE HIS LARYNX.



YOU CAN'T GET AWAY WITH THIS... THE TRUTH WILL COME OUT.

I DOUBT THAT VERY MUCH, JACOB.

SINCE I WILL BE IN CHARGE OF THE OFFICIAL INVESTIGATION...

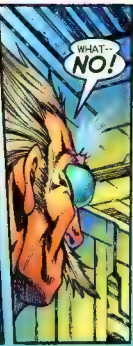


...WHICH WILL BLAME IT ALL ON THAT SIDESHOW FREAK YOU'RE SO INFATUATED WITH.



SO LONG, JACOB, IT'S BEEN --

IT'S OVER, DUVAL!



WHAT-- NO!



YOU'VE
LOST.

NO!

YOU'RE
TOO LATE.

I'VE GOT
THE WINNING
HAND HERE.

YOU
CAN WATCH
HIM DIE...

...OR
LOSE THE
HARDWARE!

THERE'S NO
POINT IN HAVING A
'WINNING HAND',
DUVAL...



IF IT ISN'T
ATTACHED TO
YOUR BODY

AAAAHHHHH



THE GAME
IS OVER--



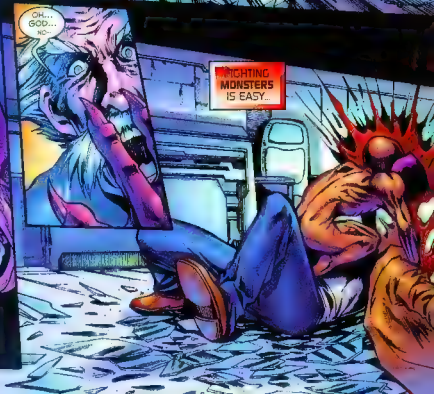
AND YOU
LOSE.



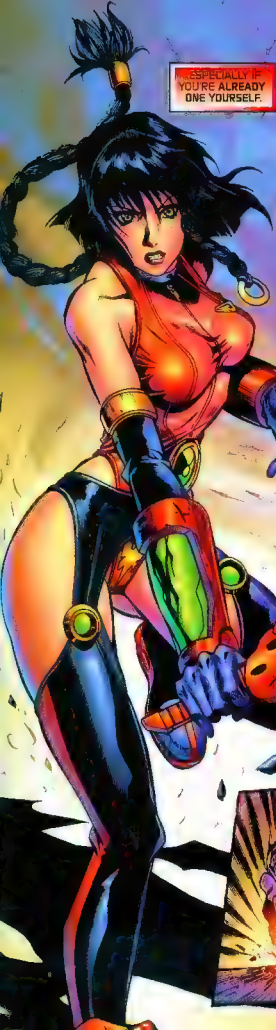
OH



OH...
GOD...
NO...



FIGHTING
MONSTERS
IS EASY.



ESPECIALLY IF
YOU'RE ALREADY
ONE YOURSELF.



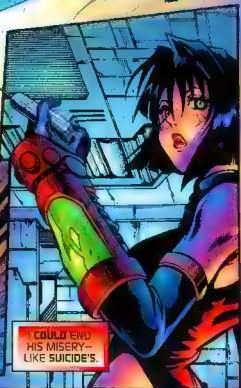
SOVAL CHOSE
TO BECOME A
MONSTER.



BUT WHAT
ABOUT HIM?




HE'S JUST
ANOTHER VICTIM?



COULD END
HIS MISERY—
LIKE SUICIDE'S.



BUT IF I REJECTED
VAMPIRISM TO SPARE
INNOCENT BLOOD --



HOW CAN I JUSTIFY
CURING MYSELF...




IF IT MEANS
MURDERING
A CHILD?



VAMPIRE OR
COLD-BLOODED
KILLER?

BY THE END,
THERE REALLY IS
NO CHOICE.



AFTER ALL THIS
TIME, ALL I'VE BEEN
THROUGH TO JUST
GIVE UP THE CURE--
IT WASN'T EASY.



I CAN ALMOST
SEE THE
FUNNY SIDE.

ALMOST.

IF I DID THAT, I'D BE AS BAD AS ENDURA.

BUT YOU COULD HAVE STOPPED HIM ANOTHER WAY.
YOU COULD HAVE KEPT THE CURE FOR YOURSELF.

NO MATTER WHAT SHE MADE HIM, HE'S STILL A CHILD.

HE DESERVES AT LEAST THE CHANCE OF A NORMAL LIFE.

I'LL SEE THAT MED-LAB DOES ALL IT CAN FOR HIM.

BUT IT WAS STILL SOME SACRIFICE.

MAYBE THAT WAS MY ONLY CHANCE TO BE CURED.

BUT IT'S WORTH IT, KNOWING ENDURA WILL NEVER HURT ANYONE AGAIN.

YOU KILLED HER?

NO.
I DID SOMETHING WORSE...

I LOVED HER.

oh...
oh god...
no
please...
make it...
stop



just... stop...
the
pain
I'll... do...
anything

REALLY?

OTHER THAN
SUFFERING, WHAT
COULD YOU DO FOR
ME THAT YOU ARE
NOT ALREADY
DOING?



just... give
me... another
chance... to
defeat her
to...
make... her...
suffer

BUT WOULDN'T
YOU AGREE THIS
IS AN APPROPRIATE
PUNISHMENT FOR
FAILING ME?

ONCE
YOU THRIVED
ON SUFFERING -
NOW YOU SIMPLY
SUFFER.



SHE WILL
SUFFER

AND IT
MIGHT CONSOLE
YOU TO KNOW THAT
YOUR AGONY IS
NOTHING...

...COMPARED
TO WHAT I HAVE
PLANNED FOR
HER.



TO BE
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